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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Heinz-Jürgen Mühlen and Christoph Schmid  
For : METHOD FOR GASIFYING ORGANIC  
SUBSTANCES AND SUBSTANCE MIXTURE  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

✓ Please add an abstract as follows:

**--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A<sup>1</sup>  
The invention relates to a method and an apparatus for gasifying organic substances and substance mixtures in which the organic substances are fed into a pyrolysis reactor and the organic substances are held in contact with a heat carrier medium. The solid residual containing carbon and

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